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SANTO DOMINGO AND OTTWA FOR RSO

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SUBJ: ALLEGED FRAUDULANT ENTRY OF HAITIANS INTO U.S. VIA
MONTREAL

1. ON DEC 29, 1977, GEORGE FRANCIS, SUPPOSEDLY A NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN OF HAITIAN DESCENT, WAS ARRESTED IN PORT AU PRINCE ON SUSPICION OF VIOLATING HAITIAN IMMIGRATION CONTROLS. POLICE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING STORY FROM FRANCIS AND OTHER INFORMANTS. CONOFF WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE TYPED TRANSCRIPT OF THEIR INTERROGATION.

2. GEORGE FRANCIS WAS BORN SOMEWHERE IN HAITI ABOUT 1943 AND WAS NATURALIZED AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ABOUT 1965. AS QUOTE DIRECTOR OF FLIGHTS UNQUOTE FOR AMERICAN AIRLINES, HE FILES TO PORT AU PRINCE A FEW TIMES EACH WEEK. RESIDES IN NEW YORK WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AT 1159 - 220 STREET (RE-MAINDER OF ADDRESS NOT GIVEN IN TRANSCRIPT).

3. ON HIS TRIPS TO HAITI, FRANCIS REPORTEDLY TAKES BACK TO NEW YORK ONE TO THREE HAITIANS WITHOUT VISAS. EACH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PAYS \$1,800 TO \$2,000 OF WHICH FRANCIS KEEPS \$400
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TO \$500. A FEE OF \$1,500 IS PAID TO RONALD KUBA, AN ATTORNEY IN NEW YORK, TO PROCURE VISAS AND ALIEN GREEN CARDS. THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TRANSIT NEW YORK EN ROUTE TO MONTREAL, WHERE THEY OBTAIN AMERICAN VISAS THROUGH THE CONNECTIONS OF FRANCIS AND KUBA. THEY ARE THEN FLOWN TO NEW YORK WHERE THEY RECEIVE ALIEN RESIDENCE CARDS 3 OR 4 DAYS LATER. FRANCIS GIVES KUBA THREE PHOTOS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. FRANCIS WAS RELEASED BY THE HEARING JUDGE ON DEC 29. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THIS WAS AN IMPROPER ACTION TAKEN ONLY BECAUSE FRANCIS HAS POWERFUL CONNECTIONS IN THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. NO FURTHER ACTION IS EXPECTED IN THIS CASE.

5. MUCH OF THE SAME STOFY HAS BEEN INDEPENDENTLY PROVIDED BY A HAITIAN CITIZEN LIVING IN HAITI WHO HAS U.S. LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS, AND BY AN EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE WHOM WE REGARD AS A CREDIBLE SOURCE. THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS SECOND-HAND AND RATHER VAGUE; HOWEVER, IT MAY WELL BE TRUE AND WE BELIEVE IT WARRANTS INVESTIGATION.
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